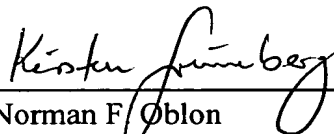


Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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molding after mixing with the thermoplastic resin for said molded test piece to provide the reproduced and coated test piece; and
subjecting said coated test piece or a cross hatch test to evaluate recyclability of the reproduced coated test piece based on the results of the test.

53. A method for evaluating recyclability of reproduced coated moldings,
characterized by
providing a mixed resin of a thermoplastic resin constituting moldings and a thermoplastic resin constituting a paint at a given ratio,
molding the mixed resin into a test piece of molding, and
subjecting the molded test piece to a cross hatch test to evaluate recyclability of reproduced-coated moldings based on the results of the test.

54. A method for evaluating recyclability of reproduced coated moldings according to Claim 53,
characterized in that
a state of dispersion of the thermoplastic resin used as a main constituent of said paint in a thermoplastic resin matrix used as a main constituent of the test piece which is a reproduced coated molding is evaluated by observation through a microphotograph.

55. A method for evaluating recyclability of reproduced coated moldings according to Claim 54,

characterized in that

recycling of reproduced-coated moldings is repeated, and a test for film properties is conducted in every repetition to evaluate recyclability of reproduced-coated moldings in every repetition from the transition in the results of the test.

56. A method for evaluating recyclability of reproduced coated molding according to Claim 55, characterized in that

recycling of reproduced coated moldings is repeated, and mechanical strength, thermal properties and other physical properties are measured in every repetition to evaluate recyclability of reproduced coated moldings in every repetition from the transition in the results of the measured physical properties.

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SIR:

I, Norman F. Oblon, attorney of record in the above-identified application, declare the attached pages 236 and 237 to be a true and accurate copy of the same pages as filed on October 14, 1998.

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